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1. The Working Group recommends to the Preparatory Committee the text of the following articles concerning general principles of criminal law as a first draft for inclusion in the draft consolidated text of a convention for an international criminal court:

Nullum crimen sine lege (A/AC.249/1997/WG.2/CRP.1);

Non-retroactivity (A/AC.249/1997/WG.2/CRP.1);

Individual criminal responsibility (Personal jurisdiction) (A/AC.249/1997/WG.2/CRP.2);

Irrelevance of official position (A/AC.249/1997/WG.2/CRP.2/Add.1);

Individual criminal responsibility (A/AC.249/1997/WG.2/CRP.2/Add.2);

Command responsibility (A/AC.249/1997/WG.2/CRP.3);

Mens rea (Mental elements of crime) (A/AC.249/1997/WG.2/CRP.4);

Actus reus (act and/or omission) (A/AC.249/1997/WG.2/CRP.5);

Mistake of fact or of law (A/AC.249/1997/WG.2/CRP.6);

Age of responsibility (A/51/22, vol. II, part 3 bis, article E);

Statute of limitations (A/51/22, vol. II, part 3 bis, article F).

2. The Working Group did not have time to consider articles L to T, contained in part 3 bis of the report of the Preparatory Committee,[1] nor section 2 thereof, nor the question of penalties.[2]

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[1] Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first session, Supplement No. 22A (A/51/22), vol. II.

[2] Ibid., part 5.